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TO : Chief, Industrial Division, ORR

DATE: 2 March 1959

FROM : Acting Chief, Guided Missile Branch, D/I

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1. Support to Other Agencies and Components:

- a. At the request of the DCI, a memorandum was prepared jointly with GMD/OSI for transmittal by AD/RR and AD/SI recommending that the DCI's Ad Hoc Panel of Consultants (the Hyland Panel) should not be reconvened at present to re-examine the Soviet ICBM program. This memorandum reviewed briefly the intelligence evidence on the ICBM which had become available since the Hyland Panel's report and concluded that it was not significant enough to warrant consideration by the Panel at this time. This recommendation was subsequently accepted, in effect, by USIB, although the Board decided to consider the question of a new missile estimate again during March.

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- b. During February, [REDACTED] set in motion at I/GM's request a greatly expanded collection program directed principally toward observational information on Soviet guided missile production and deployment. The program foresees

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[REDACTED] program will require a substantial amount of guidance and direct support from the branch, along the lines now being given to DD/P. [REDACTED] is being transferred to the branch from St/I to handle the program for ORR. A special one-week orientation and briefing course has been arranged at [REDACTED] for the week of 9 March for the [REDACTED] Officers who have been appointed to handle this program at the principal [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The course will consist of a series of substantive presentations by the ORR and OSI members of the DD/P Guided Missile Task Force, followed by several days of briefings by DD/P on "operational realities" and [REDACTED]

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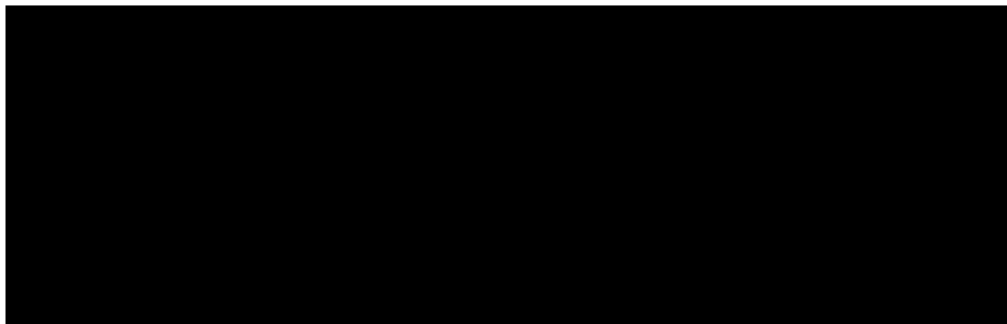
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c. The branch has been requested by the Chairman, GMAIC to brief the committee on behalf of CIA on the most likely areas of deployment for certain Soviet missile systems. The Army and Air Force will make similar presentations, in an effort to arrive at an agreed community position prior to an Army briefing of the CCPC on the same subject on 5 March. The I/GM presentation will be focused primarily on ICBM deployment.

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d. Chief, D/I and Acting Chief, I/GM prepared an overnight comment on the statement regarding ICBM production by [REDACTED] The substance of this comment, heavily edited, was published in the Current Intelligence Digest. The original ORR draft was received with appreciation by the DD/I, who is reported to have observed that future items of this nature should be prepared in memorandum form for transmittal to the DCI.

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f. [REDACTED] briefed the CIA Guided Missile Forum conducted by OSI on the estimated Soviet ICBM production and deployment program prepared by I/GM for the DD/I on the assumption that Khrushchev's recent ICBM statements were substantially correct. Undaunted by having been introduced as "Captain Smith", [REDACTED] made a very effective presentation which was highly commended by Acting Chief, GMD/OSI.

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g. A Current Support Memorandum was prepared by [REDACTED] on the apparent Soviet pattern of air-to-surface missile deployment, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is now completing a CSM summarizing new evidence on the [REDACTED] ities of the former [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] is preparing a CSM analyzing a variety of indications of a possible ICBM launch site in the Urals.

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- h. [REDACTED] provided support to GMAIC in its reconsideration, at USIB's request, of the Soviet 700 n.m. and 1,100 n.m. missile programs. This reconsideration resulted in some slight revisions in previous estimates (see Item 3, below).
- i. During February, there were several developments regarding collection of information on missile deployment in the European Satellites. These included the preparation of a statement of general collection objectives by the DD/P Guided Missile Task Force; conversations with a representative of EE/Plans, DD/P, concerning relative priorities by geographic area and type of information; and a request to OSI and DD/P for a feasibility study regarding

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2. Status of Projects:

- a. Changes in the status of three currently scheduled projects (37.2386, 37.2389 and 37.2390) have been recommended by separate memorandum submitted with the proposed FY 1960 research program at the end of February.

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- b. Project No. 37.2083, Collection of Planning Data on Soviet Guided Missile Program. (Analyst: [REDACTED])

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[REDACTED] A revised draft of this paper has just been submitted to the branch incorporating a series of detailed comments and suggestions made by [REDACTED]. Assuming no difficulties arise in connection with final review of this paper, it should be submitted during March as scheduled, for publication as a Research Aid.

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- c. Projects No. 37.2122, Status Report on Soviet Guided Missile Launching Sites and 37.2452, Evidence of Ballistic Missile Production at Sverdlovsk. The status of these projects was discussed with you on 27 February.

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3. Changes in Estimates:

GMAIC's reconsideration of the Soviet 700 and 1,100 n.m. missile programs (see Item 1h, above) resulted in the following revisions in current estimates:

- a. The 1,100 n.m. missile is now estimated to be a new weapon system, rather than a modification of the 700 n.m. missile, as previously estimated; and
- b. The operational availability date for the 1,100 n.m. missile is now estimated to be "in the latter part of 1958" (Air Force footnote: probably 1959), rather than "in 1958", as previously estimated.

4. Administration:

D/Ch/E has completed his review of the functions, personnel resources and problems of the branch. To date, he has agreed to: (a) assist the branch in achieving approximately the professional personnel strength authorized at the beginning of 1958; (b) consider further additional professional personnel requirements of the branch; (c) provide additional clerical assistance; and (d) take action to determine whether and to what extent certain current branch analytical problems can be alleviated by machine data processing methods.

5. Logistic Problems (III):

During a particularly critical period of omphaloskepsis last month, the branch learned that it was in danger of being consumed by a new and unprecedentedly voracious "consumer". When a delegation first started to materialize out of the woodwork in Room 1218 Que, we naturally assumed that the DD/P representatives were arriving for a special meeting of [REDACTED] task force (possibly even the "Inner Group"). Investigation revealed, however, that the visitors were actually members of the order of Isoptera (pseudonym: termites).

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The following quotation from an authoritative source clearly indicates why termites should have a natural affinity for this branch:

"In termite society, the individual worker is an utterly selfless automaton. It never loafs,

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never sleeps. Ceaselessly it toils for the welfare of the community. Individually termites may be weak and stupid creatures, but collectively their society is strong and, in a sense, intelligent."

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